

The Piper

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*He is not here:
for he is **Risen**,
as he said.*

—MATTHEW 28:6

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A few words from the Senior Warden



The Episcopal Relief and Development organization offers a Lenten message each day. The past two days messages were particularly meaningful to me. Tuesday's message was from Matthew, "The people who sat in darkness have seen a great light, and for those who sat in the region and shadow of death light has dawned." Wednesday's message from Isaiah reveals the meaning of that scripture by defining "the light." "The spirit of the Lord God is upon me, because the Lord has anointed me; he has sent me to bring good news to the oppressed, to bind up the broken-hearted...to provide for those who mourn in Zion—to give them a garland instead of ashes."

These two passages reminded me of a play that my Godmother had me read. She attended its premier in London in 1935. The play, by T.S. Eliot is "Murder in the Cathedral." It relates the story of Thomas Becket who was a friend of King Henry II and subsequently became Archbishop of Canterbury. Becket pleaded with Henry not to do this. However, because of their friendship the King believed that Becket, as Archbishop, would allow the church to be taxed. Once ordained,

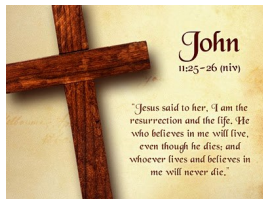
Becket, as did the clerics before him, refused to pay tribute to the King. He told Henry he could not serve two masters – God and man, and once he had been ordained his allegiance shifted to God. He had seen a great light. Frustrated, he casually and jokingly said to his Barons, "will no one rid me of this troublesome priest?" Whereupon, they went to Canterbury and killed Becket. He became a martyr, and Pope Alexander III, in 1173, canonized him a Saint. Today he remains a saint both in the Catholic Church and the Anglican Communion.

As with any organization, there is an organizational chart. Ours begins with God and proceeds from there. Somewhere in that chart are the Canons and Constitution of the Episcopal Church which originated in the 1700's. Sometimes I find myself in the unenviable position of having to abide by the rules of the church while others disagree. I used to tell others, "don't kill the messenger." Taking things too personal at times (character flaw) I sometimes feel attacked. Then I have to stop and think and reflect. The light that Becket saw was simple. You cannot serve two masters says the book of Matthew. Matthew also says, "seek ye first the kingdom of God." The light that I see has little to do with the laws of man and more to do with the love of God. Over and over we are commanded to preach the Good News, to help the unfortunate, to feed the hungry, and comfort the oppressed. If it's not about love, it's not about Jesus! How many times has our presiding bishop said this?

Jesus asks when we saw him hungry, unclothed, helpless and did nothing? He then said, whatever you do to the least of his children, you do to him. How simple is that. So when we get caught up in rules and rubrics, and how and how not to do things, we are missing the central mission of Christianity – loving our neighbor. What do we do to fulfill that mission? The message is over 2000 years old. It is the same today as it was then. Love God, and love your neighbor. “Seek ye first the kingdom of God and all things will be added unto you.” When you seek the love of God and love one another without prejudice, all the other items of conflict become trivial and unnecessary. If it’s not about love it’s not about Jesus!

So, as we move forward, let us keep our eye on the goal. Easter takes us from Gethsemane to Calvary. Deliberately we head to Golgotha where the way of the cross becomes part of our life. Let us all approach Easter with reconciliation and forgiveness, and remember if it’s not about love, it’s not about Jesus. If it’s not about love it’s not about Jesus. If it’s not about love, it’s not about Jesus!

LENT and HOLY WEEK



Lenten Suppers — The Lenten suppers have been providing wonderful fellowship and learning. There will be an additional supper on April 13. Please join us.

Easter Week:

Palm Sunday, April 10, 10 am.

Good Friday, April 15, 12 noon

Easter Sunday, April 17, 10 am

Join us for in-person services—no reservations are needed.

St. Andrew's Vestry Members

Steve Lefever, Senior Warden
Rochelle Kelly, Junior Warden
Cindy Garay
Susan Greer

Sheryl Mello
Sue Roe
Ray Wentz

If you have any questions, comments, suggestions, please forward them to any of the Vestry members. Vestry meetings are held on the 3rd Tuesday of every month at 3 pm in the Parish Hall.



Holy Week is upon us and invites us to mark the climax of the liturgical year. In the early church, as it is still in the Orthodox churches in the east, it is Easter, not Christmas which is the apex of our celebration.

It is thus all the more tragic that two nations infused with and rooted in the depths of Orthodox spirituality are at war that much more reflects crucifixion than resurrection. I commend to you joining us on Good Friday for our observation of the Way of the Cross as being a particularly poignant and powerful way of being present to the suffering of our world that is contained in the mystery of the suffering of the Christ. As we sing ...”were you there when they crucified my Lord?...” the suffering of all of humanity, and those suffering in Ukraine, is contained in the suffering of the Christ.

Though we do not know how, we know that God will wrest grace from even that great suffering, because that is what God is about. And, as such I invite you to join us on Easter. In its triumph and victory we see the promise of grace unlooked for, hope un hoped for and victory unanticipated, because that is what the Christ is up to.

As a tangible sign of that we will be offering the wine to all in the eucharist. We will retain the symbol of the common cup but offer the wine in individual cups as a prudent concession to the pandemic. We will also ask people to mask for the service out of prudence.

We have one last Wednesday Lenten soup supper as well. Folks have been very blessed by our Lent study and we will be concluding with asking how God might want us to continue what we have learned and experienced together.

I pray that our Lord is powerfully present to you in this week.

Peace be with you.

Craig+

St. Andrews Episcopal Church
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ANNUAL PLANT SALE

SATURDAY, APRIL 30, 2022

10am-2pm



Tomatoes, Peppers, Basil, Flowers

Diocese of Camino Real—Spring Renewal Event

Mark your calendars for the diocesan Spring Renewal Event on Friday, April 29 and Saturday, April 30th.

All individuals who register by March 31st will be sent a Spring Renewal Party Pack. Please provide the mailing address where you would like to receive your party pack.

Thank you for your interest in Spring Renewal! This will be a chance to learn and grow together, as a diocesan community and we are excited to welcome Bishop Sean Rowe as our keynote speaker. Due to Covid, we are meeting online this year, but will still have the same program as we would have had in person. (The schedule is below.) We invite you to participate by either joining a “Watch Party” in your parish, or another parish, or individually in your own home. The registration link is below, and you will be able to select if you’re participating in a Watch Party or participating at home. Either way, we are glad you will be there!

To Register: <https://www.realepiscopal.org/calendar-event/spring-renewal>



UKRANIAN WEDDING SOUP

From my friend Paulina Thorne (Conveyed to Sue Roe on Facebook. Punctuation and spacing fixed a bit but, otherwise, this is how Paulina wrote it.)

You aren't going to find this recipe in a Martha Stewart or Betty Crocker cookbook. It's from the mind of a crazy Ukrainian mother who has some Scottish Ancestry too.

First of all, chop up maybe 2 onions. Be sure to chop them very fine. Some children might think they are going to die if they see big pieces.

Heat up a large skillet and add some garlic in fused olive oil. Add onions and saute till they begin to look translucent. This is when I add garlic...maybe 2 heads....Yes! I did say heads!! Sometimes I leave the cloves whole or maybe I'll chop them. I let that simmer awhile until I start to smell the onions and garlic.

If you follow Martha you might have pkgs of mirepoix or duxelle in your freezer. I freeze them in half cup pkgs. I add 1 or 2 pkgs of each to the onions and garlic and let that simmer a bit while I chop up 2 small potatoes. These aren't a main ingredient but they add flavor.

I add the potatoes to the onions and garlic and cover with chicken stock. While that is starting to simmer I add maybe 1/2 cup barley, a small head of cabbage (sliced), a lot of sliced kielbasa, sliced mushrooms, a can of kidney beans ...now it needs more chicken stock.

Cover with more stock and let simmer till barley is soft. If you are a good Ukrainian mother you will have some cold leftover noodles or pierogogi in the refrigerator. Add as much as you want. Some might sprinkle a little dill just before serving.

This is one of those soups that might start out as a meal for just a couple and as more people stop by add more chicken stock, noodles, mirepoix and duxelles. No one will know!!

Mirepoix=a mix of celery, onions and carrots...finely chopped. Duxelles=finely chopped mushrooms...I always cook them with garlic.

St. Andrew's Story Time For Young Children



11:30 am every Sunday.
All children are welcome.
Led by Sharon Fishel.

Join Zoom Meeting
Meeting ID 868 1805 3036
Passcode: Storytime

Join the 2022 "Pilgrimage with Race" course

The unique curriculum of [*A Storied Pilgrimage with Race*](#) explores issues of race in our diocese; it is a holy offering of video interviews, education, action items, and room for reflection. Throughout 2022 you are invited to participate in this course by attending monthly Zoom calls to undertake this journey together. Completion of this pilgrimage fulfills the requirement for anti-racism training in the Diocese of El Camino Real; it is required for clergy and strongly encouraged for all in leadership.

We will meet 7pm to 8:30pm on **Jan. 25, Feb. 22, March 29, April 26, May 31, June 28, July 26, August 30, Sept. 27, Oct. 25, Nov. 15, and Dec. 6.** To sign up, please email the Rev. Canon Martha Korienek at canonmartha@realepiscopal.org by January 24, 2022.

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I pray that you, being rooted and established in love, may have power, together with all the Lord's holy people, to grasp how wide and long and high and deep is the love of Christ, and to know this love that surpasses knowledge—that you may be filled to the measure of all the fullness of God. – Ephesians 3:17-19

An Invitation
from Presiding Bishop Michael B. Curry
to Practice the Way of Love

In the first century Jesus of Nazareth inspired a movement. A community of people whose lives were centered on Jesus Christ and committed to living the way of God's unconditional, unselfish, sacrificial, and redemptive love. Before they were called "church" or "Christian," this Jesus Movement was simply called "the way."

Today I believe our vocation is to live as the Episcopal branch of the Jesus Movement. But how can we together grow more deeply with Jesus Christ at the center of our lives, so we can bear witness to his way of love in and for the world?

The deep roots of our Christian tradition may offer just such a path. For centuries, monastic communities have shaped their lives around rhythms and disciplines for following Jesus together. Such a pattern is known as a "Rule of Life." The framework you now hold – **The Way of Love: Practices for Jesus-Centered Life** – outlines a Rule for the Episcopal branch of the Jesus Movement.

It is designed to be spare and spacious, so that individuals, ministry groups, congregations, and networks can flesh it out in unique ways and build a church-wide treasure trove of stories and resources. There is no specific order you need to follow. If you already keep a Rule or spiritual disciplines, you might reflect and discover how that path intersects with this one. By entering into reflection, discernment and commitment around the practices of **Turn – Learn – Pray – Worship – Bless – Go – Rest**, I pray we will grow as communities following the loving, liberating, life-giving way of Jesus. His way has the power to change each of our lives and to change this world.

Your brother in the Way of Jesus,

+Michael

For complete information, please go to link
[Way of Love Introduction](https://www.episcopalchurch.org/way-of-love/digital-resources)
[episcopalchurch.org/way-of-love/digital-resources](https://www.episcopalchurch.org/way-of-love/digital-resources)



THE WAY OF LOVE
Practices for Jesus-Centered Life

What is the Way of Love?

The Way of Love is a way of life. More than a program or curriculum, it is a return to the ancient pathways and Rules of Life that followers of Jesus have observed for centuries. They knew the power of commitment to a core set of practices – Turn, Learn, **Pray**, Worship, Bless, Go, Rest – and the power of gathering in a small group where you find love and support for living into these commitments. If we hope to not only worship Jesus but to grow more like him and bear his redeeming love in the world, we can adopt a rule of life like the Way of Love and find a community with which to practice it.

What is a Rule of Life? How Do I Begin? A Rule of Life is an intentional commitment to a set of practices that provide guidance, rhythm and inspiration for living a beautiful, meaningful and holy life. As we place these practices at the heart of our daily lives and join with companions who share the commitment, we grow more and more in the unselfish, hope-filled Way of Love that Jesus embodied in the world.

Exploring and Living the Practices We invite you to join us at St. Andrews for the Wednesday Lenten Soup Suppers and walk in the Way of Love during the Lenten Season. Every Wednesday from 4 to 6 pm in the Parish Hall

The Third Step—Pray

Dwell *intentionally* with God each day.

Jesus teaches us to come before God with humble hearts, boldly offering our thanksgivings and concerns to God or simply listening for God's voice in our lives and in the world. Whether in thought, word or deed, individually or corporately, when we pray we invite and dwell in God's loving presence.

The daily practice of making time and space to speak with God, to listen to God, or to simply be with God, clears a pathway for God to enter our lives. How will you start praying on the Way of Love?

Get started or go deeper with the companion Practice Primer for Pray.

Getting Started: Individual: Say the Lord's Prayer (or another familiar prayer) once a day for two weeks.

Going Deeper: Individual: Set aside a time to pray daily for others. Include three minutes of intentional silence, asking God to speak to you.

[Pray – The Episcopal Church](https://www.episcopalchurch.org/way-of-love/pray) (<https://www.episcopalchurch.org/way-of-love/pray>)

Over the next several months we will walk through the next steps.

April Birthdays

April 1, 1815 - Otto von Bismarck, German chancellor, statesman
 April 2, 1513 - Ponce de Leon discovers Florida.
 April 2, 1805 - Hans Christian Anderson, children's author
 April 2, 1834 - Frederic Auguste Bartholdi, sculpted the Statue of Liberty
 April 3, 1783 - Washington Irving, author
 April 5, 1937 - Colin Powell, Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, Secretary of State
 April 6, 1483 - Raphael (Sanzio), Italian painter, architect
 April 6, 1870 - Oskar Straus, Austrian composer
 April 6, 1928 - James D. Watson, biochemist, co-discovered the structure of DNA
 April 7, 742 - Charlemagne, King of the Franks
 April 7, 1770 - William Wordsworth, poet, philosopher
 April 7, 1897 - Walter Winchell, journalist, broadcaster
 April 8, 563 BC - Buddha (Siddhartha Gautama), religious leader, founded of Buddhism
 April 8, 1918 - Betty Ford, First Lady of the United States
 April 8, 1938 - Kofi Annan, UN Secretary General
 April 10, 1794 - Commodore Matthew Perry, opened naval relations with Japan
 April 10, 1847 - Joseph Pulitzer, journalist, publisher

St. Andrew's Birthdays

April

5 — Luke Banke
 5 — Henry ValldeRuten
 6 — Sharon Fishel
 11 — Donna Brough
 13 — Tetiana Davidson
 14 — Barbara Banke
 16 — Pauline Syres
 18 — Sheryl Mello
 19 — Iain Holtzclaw
 22 — Susan ValldeRuten
 26 — Hyacinth Bevan



May

2 — Cindy Garay	12 — Barry Holtzclaw
2 — Sandi Lewandowski	18 — Katie Garay
3 — Cathy Newfield	21 — Tim Caldell
7 — Preston Boomer	22 — Mike Banke
8 — Janet Parske	28 — Logan Hudson
8 — Tricia Leslie	29 — Mark deHass-Johnson
10 — Jaden Ruff	

April 10, 1882 - Frances Perkins, first U.S. woman cabinet member- Secretary of Labor
 April 12, 1777 - Henry Clay, statesman, Speaker of the House
 April 13, 1743 - Thomas Jefferson, 3rd U. S. President (1801-1809)
 April 13, 1899 - Alfred Butts, invented the board game "Scrabble"
 April 15, 1452 - Leonardo da Vinci, artist, sculptor, inventor
 April 15, 1894 - Nikita Khrushchev, Premier of Soviet Union
 April 16, 1952 - Bill Belichick, Head Coach, New England Patriots Superbowl teams.
 April 17, 1837 - John Pierpont Morgan, financier, philanthropist
 April 20, 1889 - Adolf Hitler, Nazi dictator of Germany
 April 21, 1926 - Queen Elizabeth II, Queen of England
 April 23, 1791 - James Buchanan, 15th U.S. President (1857-1861)
 April 24, 1884 - Isoroku Yamamoto, Japanese Naval Cdr led invasion of Pearl Harbor
 April 25, 1874 - Guglielmo Marconi, inventor, wireless telegraphy
 April 26, 1564 - William Shakespeare, English writer and actor Died: April 23, 1616
 April 26, 1900 - Charles Francis Richter, physicist, seismologist, developed Richter scale
 April 27, 1521 - Ferdinand Magellan, Portuguese explorer
 April 27, 1791 - Samuel Morse, invented magnetic telegraph
 April 27, 1822 - Ulysses S. Grant, 18th U.S. President, Civil War general (1869-1877)
 April 28, 1758 - James Monroe, 5th U.S. President (1817-1825)
 April 28, 1937- Saddam Hussein, Iraqi president
 April 29, 1863 - William Randolph Hearst, newspaper editor, publisher
 April 29, 1899 - Duke Ellington, jazz musician, bandleader

Special Days in April

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| 1 April Fool's Day | 18 Tax Day |
| 2 Ramadan (start) | 19 Bicycle Day |
| 2 World Autism Awareness Day | 21 National High Five Day |
| 3 Grammy Awards | 21 World Creativity & Innovation Day |
| 6 National Walking Day | 22 Earth Day |
| 7 World Health Day | 23 English Language Day |
| 10 Palm Sunday | 24 Divine Mercy Sunday |
| 10 National Siblings Day | 24 Orthodox Easter |
| 11 Country Music Television Awards | 24 Int'l. Day for Peace |
| 11 National Pet Day | 24 World Immunization Week |
| 12 Internat'l Day of Human Space Flight | 25 World Malaria Day |
| 12 National Grilled Cheese Day | 25 World Penguin Day |
| 14 Holy Thursday | 27 Administrative Professionals' Day |
| 15 Good Friday | 28 Holocaust Remembrance Day |
| 15 Passover (Start) | 29 NFL Draft Starts |
| 15 Jackie Robinson Day | 29 Arbor Day |
| 17 Easter | 29 Duke Ellington Day |
| 17 National Haiku Poetry Day | 29 International Dance Day |
| | 30 International Jazz Day |

OOPS!!! This evening at 7 pm there will be hymn singing in the park across from the church. Bring a blanket and be prepared to sin.



St. Andrew's Worship Service

Join us every Sunday at 10:00 am
in person or for virtual worship on ZOOM

If you cannot join us for the live service you can watch the Gospel reading and sermon on either Facebook or YouTube.

**Reservations are no longer needed to
attend in-person services.**

We have a NEW ZOOM Link!!

Meeting ID: 898 7871 6358

Passcode: 876836